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What in the World is Going On?

“The Battle Over Language”

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1. Questions to consider:

How can you identify a secular worldview of those who live and work around you? When you hear post-modernism, can you identify it as such?

When you hear post-modern (or secular) thinking, can you speak back to it the truth from God? Can you answer its claims?

How can you identify the ways in which a secular worldview has permeated your own thinking?

How can you inoculate yourself against this kind of secular thinking so that you are not destabilized in your walk with the Lord Jesus?

2. Radical assertions of post-modernism:

Truth. Post-modernism does not believe that objective truth (truth outside of the self) is possible. Post-moderns will reject Christianity because Christianity claims to be true.

Reality. Reality, like truth, exists only to the degree that we make it.

Man. If in the right circumstances and if allowed to flourish, mankind is perfectible. *Man's natural state is good.*

3. The Christian's response:

Recognize we are battling spiritual warfare. (2 Cor 10:3–6)

Buy the truth and do not sell it. (Prov 23:23; Rom 3:4)

Reject _____ and expect opposition. (Rom 12:1–2; 1 Cor 1:20; 1 John 2:15–17)

- Be _____ of the philosophies of the world.
- Do not fall in love with the things of this world.
- Expect necessary opposition from the world around us:
 - o It is _____.
 - o It is _____.
 - o It is _____.
 - o It is not _____.
 - o It is going to be _____.
 - o It has a _____.

Get in the _____. (John 8:31–32; Job 23:12)